Ticketless Travelling by Delhi Police Personnel in D.T.C. Buses

5228. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police personnel are allowed to travel in D.T.C. buses without ticket even when they are not on duty or are in plain clothes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the government in this regard;

(d) whether there is any proposal to allow the Delhi Home Guard personnel also to travel free in D.T.C. buses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Two lower subordinates (constable and head constable in uniform) of Delhi police are allowed to travel, free of charge, at a time in any DTC bus except Palam Coach, Tourist and Inter-state services. This is done with a view to check incidence of pick-pocketing eve-teasing and other misbehaviour among the commuters.

(d) and (e). There is no proposal before the government to allow Delhi Home guards personnel to travel free in DTC buses. Volunteers of Delhi Home Guards are entitled to conveyance allowance @ Rs. 3/- per day for travelling over a distance of 8 kilometres and above for performing official duty.

Illegal ready-made Garments Factories in Delhi

5230. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of factories manufacturing readymade garments for export purposes have been set up in residential houses in the trans-Yamuna areas of Delhi without obtaining any licences; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to curb this tendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Government are not aware of a large number of readymade garments factories having been set up without necessary approval in trans-Yamuna areas. Readymade garments are items reserved for the Small Scale Industry and hence are exempted from licensing requirements under the IDR Act.

[*English*]

Indians Having Accounts in Swiss Banks

5231. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Times of India dated May, 5, 1991 wherein it has been stated that the Swiss banks are abolishing the tradition of anonymous accounts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the government thereto; and

(d) the particulars of the Indians having accounts in the Swiss banks with the permission of the Reserve Bank of India.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.